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SUBJECT: CASUALTIES IN LEBANON

1. WE ASKED ISRAELI EMBASSY COUNSELOR ABOUT CASUALTIES IN THE SOUTH LEBANON AFFAIR. DRAWING STRICTLY FROM MEMORY, AND WITHOUT CHECKING WITH HIS OFFICE RECORDS, HE SAID THAT FEDAYEEN DEAD WERE ABOUT 250, BASED ON ACTUAL FIELD COUNT. FEDAYEEN PRISONERS TOTALED ONLY 20. ISRAELI DEAD NUMBERED
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21, AND HE REMINDED US POINTEDLY THAT THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT COULD NOT POSSIBLY HOLD BACK SUCH FIGURES FROM THE PUBLIC. THE ISRAELI DEATH TOLL WAS EXACTLY AS HAD BEEN REPORTED IN THE PRESS.

2. HE WAS UNABLE TO GIVE AN ESTIMATE OF CIVILIAN CASUALTIES.

3. IN ADDITION, THE IDF HAD PICKED UP A GREAT DEAL OF
USEFUL INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION IN THE FORM OF DOCUMENTS
LEFT BEHIND BY FLEEING PALESTINIANS. VANCE

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